

Senate Bill No. 1753

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 2006, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1753, Dunn. Public Utilities.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities. The existing Public Utilities Act prohibits any person or corporation from acquiring or controlling, directly or indirectly, any public utility organized and doing business in this state, without first securing authorization to do so from the commission. The federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 repealed the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

This bill would require the commission, by July 1, 2008, to report to the Legislature on how repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 could adversely impact California consumers and any steps the state should undertake to mitigate negative impacts.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) The federal Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (15 U.S.C. Sec. 79 and following) was enacted to provide certain protections to customers of public utility companies and provided substantial protections for approximately 70 years.

(b) The federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-58) repealed the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, creating the possibility of adverse impacts on California consumers.

(c) It is the intention of the Legislature to examine the extent to which the loss of the protections of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 may put California consumers at risk, and to enact statutory protections that mitigate any negative impacts.

SEC. 2. The commission shall, on or before July 1, 2008, report to the Legislature on how repeal of the Public Utility

Holding Company Act of 1935 (15 U.S.C. Sec. 79 and following) could adversely impact California consumers and any steps the state should undertake to mitigate negative impacts.

Approved _____, 2006

Governor